ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

President: Order, order. I shall first deal with certain adjournment motions that I have received and then make a statement on some very important matters, that this honourable House should be acquainted with. The Rule has been that during the budget debate, adjournment motions are reduced to the minimum because honourable members have the chance to deal with these motions when dealing with the general discussions. The alternative would be that most of these points are important. That is, about seven adjournment motions are now to be moved. If they are allowed to be moved, then every day, during the general discussion and during the Budget time, about two hours will be taken away by these motions and obviously therefore, the limit of time allowed statutorily for the discussion of the Budget demand will be lessened, and from that point of view, I propose to consult the members concerned on this matter. I do not want to rule anything out of order and I shall give the members full liberty to discuss them but they will do so with the full knowledge that it will mean taking away the time of the House from the hours allotted for general discussion and the demands for grants.

(1) "This House requests the President to adjourn the business of the House to discuss a matter of urgent public importance by the recent order of the Government of Madras and the Imperial Government to allow free import of cocoanut from outside India."

This is undoubtedly a matter of paramount importance and if the honourable House expresses its opinion, it may move it, and I am sure it will have some effect upon the Government of India and the Government of Madras. The other honourable House has already expressed its opinion on the matter. Those who wish to discuss these matters may kindly signify their assent.

(The House voted in favour of taking up this motion).

President: Then, this discussion will take place tomorrow.

(2) "I move that the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance namely, the serious labour situation in Punalur consequent on the Paper Mill Workers' strike."

President: I am making a statement on the labour situation now and if honourable members could move it after I do so, I have no objection. Mr. Potti can mention that in the general discussion.

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Mr. D. Krishnan Potti: After the statement of the Dewan, I shall move it.

(3) "I beg leave to move that the business of this House is adjourned for discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance viz., the situation arisen and the difficulties experienced and have to be encountered by the Agriculturists and other businessmen in the State due to the organised but uncontrolled, lawless and atrocious labour activities in different directions, taking law into their own hands, preventing thereby the agriculturists and other businessmen from doing their normal routine business."

President: If Mr. Kurup would listen to my statement and would then desire to move this motion, I have no objection.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: I would move it after the President's remarks.

4. "I beg leave to move that the business of this House be adjourned for discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance namely the situation created and the difficulties and loss of wealth and health experienced by the public in general and the Kuttanad Agriculturists in particular by the policy adopted by the authorities in the matter of purchase of local paddy and distribution of foodgrains in the general rationing scheme."

President: This too could be discussed in the general discussion. I think that will be better.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Yes, Sir.

5. "I beg leave to move that the business of this House be adjourned for discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the scarcity of the supply of textiles to the public in general and scanty supply to the people in the rural parts and the difficulties in getting the textile even for the bare minimum quantities, due to the defective system of rationing and arrangements in distribution."

President: If honourable members think that the question has not been raised and answers given in the proper way, they can raise it in the course of the discussion on General Administration.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: I wish to move it.

President: Has the honourable member the leave of th House to move it ?

(There was a show of hands by five honourable members.)

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President: Well, the motion cannot be taken up.

6. "I beg leave to move that the business of this House be adjourned for discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, (1) the loss and difficulties experienced by the Agriculturists in the State due to the wrong and ignorant application of the Agricultural Income Tax Act and the arbitrary, excessive and inflated approximation of income and consequent arbitrary assessment by the Collectors who are unacquainted with the nature of cultivation, cultivation expenses and the yield in lands in their respective jurisdiction, and (2) the fear of further greater loss and difficulties to be experienced next year due to the application of the New Act XXIII of 1121 with a greater rate of tax by the same or other Collectors."

7. "I move that the House be adjourned to discuss the serious situation arising out of the statement by the food Minister of the Madras Government in regard to the import of Ceylon cocoanuts."

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT.

President: Order, order. Out of deference to this honourable House, I wish to make a statement regarding certain matters that have happened quite recently and indeed after I addressed the Joint Session. The first point on which I shall dwell for a few moments is that the Government announced as a part of their scheme for village uplift, the setting apart of a sum of Rs. one crore from the interests or the return of which, *viz.*, about Rs. 3 lakhs per year, a co-ordinated and comprehensive system of village uplift, according to the needs of each village, could be attempted on a long term programme. It was made clear to Government from the debates and the general discussion that took place elsewhere and also from the trend of newspaper opinion in the State that the honourable members of the Legislature and the country at large wanted something more comprehensive and more immediate and more extensive. Government, in deference to that opinion, have therefore set apart an extra sum of Rs. 10 lakhs for the year 1122 out of the Post-war Reconstruction Fund for the purpose of being spent during the year. Within the period beginning from the 1st Chingom 1122 and ending with the last day of Karkadagom 1122, that sum of Rs. 10 lakhs must be spent. The idea is that the amount should be spent on such problems as directly touch the villager. It is not an amount for benefiting large towns or Municipalities. It is essentially a rural uplift programme that is contemplated. Non-official Central Committee will be contemplated and also

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